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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Support of Special [redacted] Activities of 67th RTS

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REFERENCE: [redacted] 0420 (IN 76291)

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1. Reference was originated by Col. Gene James, [redacted] in which he quoted a message he had sent to Commander, PACAF. Among other matters, he discussed the delay in handling and processing take from S. E. Asia reconnaissance missions. Subpara A, Part One of the message reads:

> "A. The delays resulting from present method of transporting film to processing facilities from landing base."

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2. The noted statement aroused concern in OSA/Security. This office had not been previously aware of [redacted] concern or of any delays in the transportation of film to the processing facility. I contacted Col. James for clarification of his statement. Col. James stated his remark was directed at Major Watson, not at OSA. He advised that a review of the cable traffic between [redacted] would reflect excuses by Major Watson that two and a half hour delays were encountered as a result of trucking the material over narrow, crowded streets in and around Tokyo. Col. James said he had lived in Tokyo for three years and was fully aware of surface transportation problems.

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3. Col. James considers Maj. Watson's replies to be alibis and not excuses. Inasmuch as the material arrives at an air base and is processed at an air base, choppers or light aircraft should be used if trucks are too slow. This has been done before, and should be again if this will speed up the process. Col. James is trying to impress PACAF and [redacted] that they are engaged in a priority mission, and is telling them to get with it.

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4. Col. James further advised that if OSA had any concern with the speed with which the take was being moved from the operational base to [redacted] and desired a faster plane, he should be notified, as "I don't know anybody who has anything faster than we have."

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